

WASHINGTON- U.S. Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced that the Hoover Coalition Promoting a Safe and Healthy Community will receive a \$242,968 grant to promote drug-free awareness among students.

The Hoover Coalition, under the administration of the Hoover City Schools, will receive funding from the Department of Education for a drug prevention curriculum in middle and high schools, a peer helper program, and parent education.

Congressman Bachus said, "The Hoover Coalition and the Hoover School System are national models when it comes to educating students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Working cooperatively, they have taken a proactive approach to steering students away from drugs. They have shown that substance abuse among young people can be reduced if you provide good information and surround them with a positive environment."

Carissa Anthony, Coordinator of the Hoover Coalition, said, "This plan to reach young people through schools, parents, and peers in order to keep them drug and alcohol-free allows students to reach their full potential."

The funding is being awarded under the Alcohol Abuse Reduction Program administered by the Department of Education. The Hoover Coalition has previously received grants from the Office of National Drug Control Policy.